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Docket No.: ABE1P003

App. No: 10/652,640

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Message:

Examiner Woo,

Per our conversation of today, applicant is formally submitting the attached response. If you are not persuaded by our amendments/remarks and/or have suggestions for putting this case in condition for allowance, we formally request an interview to discuss this matter, prior to the issuance of, any further rejection(s).

Thank you,

Kevin J. Zilka

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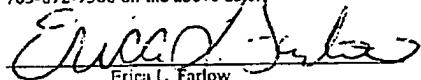
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
 Abe) Examiner: Richard Woo
 Serial No.: 10/652,640) Group Art Unit: 3629
 Filed: 08/28/2003) Docket No. ABE1P003
 For: A METHOD FOR SIMULATING) Date: November 23, 2004
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	28	-	20	08	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$144
INDEP CLAIMS	03	-	03	00	X44 = \$	OR	X88 = \$0
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$0		\$0	
				TOTAL	\$	<u>\$144.00</u>	

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351. Enclosed is our Check No. in the amount of \$ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees. If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. ABE1P003). A copy of this sheet is enclosed for billing purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
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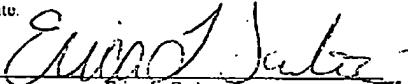
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AMENDMENT A

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Examiner:

In response to an Office Action mailed 11/03/04, please enter the following
amendments in the above application: